

Budget gifts: Lake Tahoe Shakespeare tickets



Lake Tahoe Shakespeare Festival is taking \$5 off regular priced tickets for the summer 2011 production of "Twelfth Night" so people can buy for the holidays.

Gift certificates may be purchased in any denomination. Call (775) 832.1616 to purchase.

Minor improvements to be made to Mikasa building

South Lake Tahoe officials have had conversations with contractors about façade changes and permit requirements for the building that housed Mikasa/Millers Outpost.

"So far the only thing that has been applied for, and (been) issued, is a building permit for roof repair which included the repair of fascia, roof sheathing, a shed roof over the electrical meter, and water damage at the rear of the building. No application has been submitted for a 'remodel.' A design review approval along with building permits would be required for modifications to the exterior of the building," city staff told *Lake Tahoe News*.

Caroling on the South Shore

Join Sierra Community Church for an evening of Christmas caroling Dec. 21st from 6:30-8:30pm, in the church parking lot located at 1165 Sierra Blvd. in South Lake Tahoe.

Get in the Christmas spirit with singing, hot chocolate, coffee and cookies, and then help spread the good cheer throughout the Sierra Tract neighborhood. Everyone is welcome.

For more information, call (530) 544.7055.

Guest Zamboni driver brings attention to SLT Ice Arena

Howie Nave – comic, radio guy, *Lake Tahoe News* movie reviewer – is also a huge San Jose Sharks fan.

He is pictured here in the jersey the team gave him when he sang the national anthem at the Shark Tank a few years ago.



Howie Nave
driving the

Zamboni at the
South Lake
Tahoe Ice
Arena.

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Nave wore the jersey this week as he drove the Zamboni at the South Lake Tahoe Ice Arena.

Nave's goal is to lure the Sharks to South Tahoe to practice in the off-season.

Budget gifts: Book about El Dorado County wine country



Hot off the press and in tasting rooms of El Dorado County wineries is "Gold and Wine: A History of Winemaking in El Dorado County" by Eric J. Costa.

Explore the Gold Rush roots of the region, its unique attributes and profiles of award-winning wineries.

It's on sale in tasting rooms for \$19.95.

Budget gifts: Gift card for TY&FS



The gift that gives twice is a donation in someone's name to Tahoe Youth & Family Services. Gift cards come in minimum donations of \$20, but are not limited to that amount.

For more information, contact Julie Franklin at (775) 782.4202, ext. 3 or email Julie@tahoeyouth.org.

Stracener appointed judgeship in El Dorado County

Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger on Dec. 16 appointed of Warren C. Stracener to a judgeship in the El Dorado County Superior Court.

Stracener, 60, of El Dorado Hills, has been the deputy chief counsel for the Department of Personnel Administration since 2004, where he was previously an attorney from 1991 to 2004. He was board counsel for the Public Employment Relations Board from 1980 to 1991 and an associate attorney for the Law Offices of Biddle and Hamilton from 1988 to 1990. Stracener served as staff counsel for the San Juan Unified School District from 1987 to 1988.



Warren C.
Stracener

He earned a juris doctorate degree from McGeorge School of Law, a master's of art degree from CSU Sacramento and a bachelor's degree from CSU Long Beach.

Stracener fills the vacancy created by the conversion of a court commissioner position on Oct. 8.

Santa Claus to make appearance in South Tahoe

Santa Claus is coming to town.

He will be at the Optimist Club Christmas Tree Lot on the corner of Lakeview Avenue and Lake Tahoe Boulevard in South Lake Tahoe on Dec. 18-19 from 1-5pm.

Bring a camera for pictures of the visit.

For more information, call (530) 541-3798.

Budget gifts: Restoring old photos to new



Publisher's note: *Lake Tahoe News is looking for ideas for gifts that cost less than \$20 to share with readers. Read this for details.*

If you're interested in having any old photos restored, let Diana Hamilton of South Lake Tahoe know. Think how turning that old photo into a new one would make someone special on your list feel this holiday season.

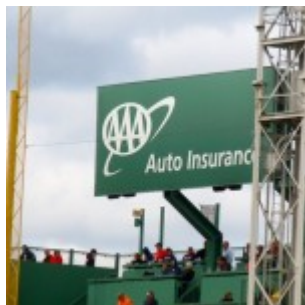
She can scan old, damaged, or faded photos and return them immediately. If you'd prefer, scan them yourself at a high resolution and email them to her.

The cost is \$18.

She'll return them on a CD. For \$2 extra she will include a professional 4x6 print.

Hamilton may be reached at (530) 544.0938, ext. 3 or email diadorslt@yahoo.com.

Snippets about Lake Tahoe



- AAA is ending its Saturday hours starting in January at most of its offices in the Tahoe region. However, the Sparks, Truckee and Reno Damonte Ranch offices will still be open Saturdays.

- Brandianne Ledbetter has left Outside TV to start her own company in South Tahoe – Princess Productions.
- *Saveur* magazine has listed El Dorado County's Cedarville Vineyard's 2008 Grenache in their list of "65 California Reds to Drink Now".
- South Lake Tahoe mystery writer Todd Borg is offering a writing course in Folsom Feb. 4-6. Details are on his website.
- Dec. 20 is the last day to register to vote for the Jan 4 special election to fill the state Senate seat of the late Dave Cox.
- Claire Champlin and Brook Roberts of Reno finished second in the season finale of the reality show "The Amazing Race."